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SINGLE TAX MOVEMENT

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN MEXICO.

An Organization Is Formed at Centralia.

Judge Wm. H. Wallace of Kansas City will address the people of Andrain county on the Single Tax and ballot box amendments at the court house in Mexico, at 2 o'clock p. m., and at Vandalia at 7:30 p. m., same date, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Everybody is interested and these meetings should have a large attendance.

A county convention has been called for Saturday, Sept. 21, to be held in the court house in Mexico, convening at 2:00 p. m. The purpose of this convention will be to effect and complete a county wide organization of the Anti-Single Tax League, by the election of members of a County Central Committee from each of the several townships in the county; the election of a county Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and for such other business as may come before the convention.

It is urged upon the organizations already created in the county that a full representation of its members be present. Judge W. H. Wallace of Kansas City, will deliver an address exposing the fallacies of the Single Tax Amendments.

Since Andrain county has been organized at 12 important places outside of Mexico, it is suggested by the undersigned committee-men that as many new members be added to these clubs as possible and the fight carried into each school district by the appointment of at least three committee-men so as to carry on the work from one end of the county to the other. Everybody is invited to these meetings and the active co-operation of all the citizens is requested, in order to offset the vote in the larger cities.

W. W. Pollock, May Gill, R. E. Race, Secretary, State Committee 9th Congressional District.

Hon. W. H. Vance, of Kansas City, made effective anti-Single Tax speeches at both Thompson and Rowena last week. Organizations were formed at each place against the proposed tax.

The officers at Thompson are: George Pool, president; Ed. Pearl, vice-president; M. J. Decker, secretary, and J. D. Puls, treasurer. At Rowena the following were elected: C. M. Berrey, president; E. G. Rowe, vice-president; Arthur Neile, secretary; Thomas Kirkland, treasurer.

Centralia, Mo., Sept. 15—Judge William H. Wallace of Kansas City scored the single tax at a mass meeting of the citizens of Centralia last evening. Immediately after his speech an anti-single tax organization was formed with twenty-two charter members. C. W. Lyons is chairman and Ed. J. Schmidt, treasurer. A committee composed of William Patterson, C. H. Early, J. T. Mitchell, J. R. Brown, Joe Denham, C. W. Settle, L. C. Jennings, J. C. Daniel and J. H. Crews was appointed to solicit new members for the organization work against the passage of the single tax amendment.

Mrs. James Buckner, Mrs. J. A. Stuart and Mrs. J. A. Poague, of near Florida, Monroe county, visited their sister here last week. Mrs. W. H. Hickman.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

Husband Wins Suit Against His Wife's Will.

Judge James D. Barnett, in the case of James S. Henderson vs. Sallie P. Calhoun and others, has decided the matter in favor of the plaintiff. The plaintiff as the husband of Mrs. Maggie Henderson, who died about a year ago, sued to collect his share of his wife's estate, which she willed to relatives, failing to provide for the plaintiff. The property is valued at about \$15,000, and according to Judge Barnett's decision Mr. Henderson will now get half of it.

The defendants in the case were Sallie P. Calhoun, Bessie Calhoun Barkley, Cellie Calhoun, Robert C. Calhoun, Ella V. Boyd, Thomas Archie Boyd, Robert A. Boyd, Enla V. Gilmore, Sallie Muir, Mary Anne McDonald and Edw. W. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand Hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hildebrand, both of near Benton City, while driving home from Mexico last Thursday met with a serious mishap near the Fields school house, east of Mexico. Their horse began to kick and both were thrown out of their buggy. Mrs. Hildebrand suffered three broken ribs and Mr. Hildebrand's knee was badly sprained and he was otherwise bruised. The buggy was torn to pieces.

Mrs. T. J. Duxsey, with Miss Ruth Duxsey and Irene Roden, happened along a little later in an automobile and they picked up Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand and hurried them to their home. Mr. Hildebrand is 76 years old and his wife is 70. It is hoped they will recover all right.

R. L. Phillips' Sale.

The following live stock was disposed of at R. L. Phillips' sale last Thursday:

Six shoats, E. Carter, \$39.90; 19 shoats, Gant, \$121.60; 5 sows, Gant, \$20.80; 8 sows, Smoot Bros., \$80; 2 sows, E. D. Harrison, \$34.50; 1 sow, J. J. Quinlan, \$20; 1 sow, A. Feger, \$25; 1 sow, A. P. Johnson, \$9; black cow, A. M. Trimble, \$75; red sow, Judge Carter, \$47; roan cow, W. Owen, \$53; red cow, J. Carter, \$47; cow, J. W. Bailey, \$60; cow, A. H. Schopp, \$53; cow, L. Bybee, \$52; Jersey cow, C. E. Jesse, \$43; cow, W. Gantt, \$30; cow and calf, J. C. King, \$54; cow and calf, M. Crum, \$51; yearling heifer, Joe Considine, \$42; red cow, Joe Considine, \$56; red cow, Gant, \$45; white face cow, Gant, \$30; 2 red steers, J. C. King, \$140; 4 heifers, Joe Considine, \$160; 6 steers, Hogan, \$238.50; 2 heifers, C. H. Schopp, \$60; 11 steer calves, Hogan, \$294.25; 5 heifer calves, W. Squires, \$83.95; bull, C. F. Clark, \$42.50; pair mares, R. T. Bryan, \$440; saddle horse, Tom Childers, \$155; bay mare, F. B. Parsons, \$147.50; black mare, H. Lackland, \$150; black mare, F. B. Parsons, \$104; black mare and mule colt, M. Crum, \$132.50; iron gray colt, C. Juelfs, \$97.50.

There were a number of other sales in the above list. The total sale amounted to over \$5,000. Mr. Phillips refused the bid for his farm. He had a bid recently for his farm sent by telegram from Old Mexico.

George Kabrich is home from a visit to relatives in Chicago. Mr. Kabrich says that the sentiment on the trains and wherever he went was strongly in favor of Wilson above either Taft or Roosevelt. Taft favored third in the race.

Mr. W. G. Evans, of Vandalia, and Miss Katie Gilmore, also of this county, were granted marriage license here Monday.

IMPORTANT MENTIONS.

Mr. Foster Robbed—Roy Wright Hurt—Stranger Dies of Typhoid Fever.

Roy Wright, north of Mexico, was seriously injured last Saturday by the horse he was riding falling with him. Luckily no bones were broken and he will soon be around again as usual.

Paul Strong, 34 years old, traveling salesman for a St. Louis house, died of typhoid fever in this city last Saturday. His home was at Lawrence, Kansas. While on his route he took sick and stopped off at Mexico. His wife came here and remained with him until his death. The body was shipped to his home for burial.

The Perry Enterprise publishes a letter from Dave Gregory, who used to live in the Worcester neighborhood, this county. Mr. Gregory is located at Erskine Alta, Canada, near where Dick Shell and other Andrain county people located several years ago. Mr. Gregory says he likes it up there. Land is selling at \$15 and \$20 per acre. Wages are \$2.00 per day for single hand and \$4.00 for man and team.

The \$10,000 damage suit of Mrs. Rosa Conway against John B. Williams, manager of the Annex Hotel in this city, was dismissed in the Andrain Circuit Court last week. Plaintiff's husband died here about a year ago and she claimed that it was from exposure by being ejected from the above named hotel.

Miss Ruth Mason has been chosen as a member of the teaching force in the Mexico High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mason of this city and graduated with distinction from the State University last year.

Mr. Claude C. Fowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fowles of this city, was married on Wednesday of last week to Miss Elsie Fern Smith, of Mattoon, Ill. Mr. Fowles is a real estate agent and his bride was one of the most popular young ladies of her home city. Our congratulations and best wishes extended them.

The Vandalia Mail says that S. C. Foster of that city, who is serving on the petit jury in Mexico, was assaulted and robbed here Tuesday night of last week. He was walking on the railroad tracks near the Annex Hotel when two men ran out, one grabbing him by the throat and the other hitting him over the head with a club. They instantly left him and later he missed his pocketbook and \$5.60 in money.

Mr. Harrison Dead.

Charles Harrison, of New York City, one of the foremost civil engineers in the United States, died last Sunday of heart trouble. He was born in Callaway county, Mo., and was a brother of Jack Harrison of Auxvasse and of Tom Harrison of Kansas City and was related to the Harrison families of this county. The body was brought thru Mexico yesterday and taken to the Old Auxvasse church where funeral services were held and interment made.

Mr. Harrison did work as an engineer in planning the Panama canal and had a hand in the plans by which the battleship Maine was hoisted from the water and mud in Havana harbor.

Misses Florence Norris and Florence McGavoe, of Columbia, visited the family of Dr. W. H. Hickman here last week.

SKINNER NEWS.

Show Mule Gored by Bull—Farmers Making Improvements.

Skinner, Mo., Sept. 16.—The nice little showers the past few days have brightened up vegetation and the farmers' faces considerably.

Barney Worrell has rented a farm in Iowa of Art Waggener and will move sometime this winter.

Born, to the wife of Harry Day, Sunday morning, a bouncing girl baby. Harry is reported as the happiest of all the kids now.

Miss Belle Ehret left for Kirksville recently to take up a course at the State Normal school located there.

Miss Mary Wildley left last Wednesday for Fayette where she will attend Howard Payne College.

Burt McGowan left recently for Quincy to enter Gen. City Business College.

Clarence Barker entered Mexico High School. He is in the Senior Class this term.

Miss Glenn Ellis, daughter of Jeff D. Ellis of Muskogee, is here, the guest of relatives and friends.

Noland V. Ellis, First Lieutenant of the U. S. Army, stationed in the Philippines, is here on a furlough. Noland looks fine.

Clarence Berrey was in Central Texas recently to see his mother and brothers. His mother was sick but better we are glad to state.

John F. Winn now sports a new automobile. A fine thing for rest and recreation.

C. M. Berrey purchased two loads of 800 pound bulls on the Kansas City market recently at \$4.90.

James Chapman had one of his show mules badly gored in the shoulder last week by an infuriated bull.

The corn crop bids fair to make a good yield in this vicinity, as in all parts of the county, but not the bumper crops that some of our writers make.

Harry Householder is erecting a substantial corn pen on his farm near here.

Gordan Marshall erected a granary, an addition to a corn crib, and shingled a number of outbuildings recently on the place occupied by Wm. Eisele.

James R. Spurling is preparing to erect a new, modern, up-to-date house of 7 rooms, cottage fashion.

Octave F. Ellis is preparing to build a tool shed, 36x40 feet.

W. H. DeJarnett is building a tool shed.

Wm. Wisdom is putting in a concrete foundation and repairing his barn.

Lincoln Cleveland is beautifying his already nice premises by putting concrete blocks and painting his house.

Uncle Dick Bruce is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Alice Hickman of Blue Jacket, Okla., and son, Coleman Bruce of Vinita, Okla., and Frank Bruce of Kansas City, and brother, Pinkney Bruce, of Hughesville, Pettis county.

Frank Ehret spent the past fortnight touring Kansas in quest of a farm. The Ehrets' many friends are to a man sorry to know they are thinking of leaving this sunny clime and "garden spot" and are yet hoping they may decide to remain.

The case of the Mexico Power Co. against C. C. Wonneman, to collect balance on heating contract, was settled in the Circuit Court last week by the jury giving plaintiff judgment for \$300. The jury found for counter bill and gave defendant judgment for \$65.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

Ridgeway's Farm—Weidler's Goats—Mr. La Rue and The Message.

J. H. Dillard: I haven't been feeling good lately. But the hot weather is about over and in a few fleeting months I suspect we'll all be finding fault with the weather man because it is too cold.

S. F. La Rue: I want to renew for my Message. I take a number of county papers, but you get out the best one in the bunch. You get something in your paper every week that nobody else has and it is always worth while. We fight to get to read the Message at our home.

O. P. Vroom: I live at Linneus, Mo., and stopped off here to see my old friend and neighbor, L. E. Worner. I am at the head of a factory for making corn harvesters, hay stackers, etc., at Linneus. Your hardware merchant here, J. P. Powell, sells some of our stuff. First time I ever saw Mexico. You have a nice town here.

Wm. Frazier: I returned home last week from a three weeks' visit in Colorado and New Mexico. Cool where I was; I missed all those hot days you had here. I would have been out there yet but for W. L. Kent here; he sent me word that the pears are ripe. You see Kent and I have an apple and pear orchard down near Wright City, Mo.

A. B. Weidler: Well, Mr. Editor, you should have seen my flock of goats. They were "shavers" when they went thru a patch of brush. There were 203 of them and I sold them the other day on the St. Louis market at \$3.50. They averaged 78 pounds in weight each. I got them in Kansas City and it paid me to have them about.

C. M. Fox: I have charge of the Bible School out at Rising Sun. We have a faithful bunch of Bible School people in that neighborhood. There are 113 persons enrolled in the school and each was a contributor to missions this year. Can you best in this county? It shows what can be done when all get busy.

T. E. Frazier: I returned recently from a visit to "my wife's people," up in Montana. Wife's brother, A. J. Paris, and his five sons, Edgar, Andrew, Ira, Pearl and Lester, are located at or near Mohall, N. D., and all are doing well. I met Frank Pierce, Jr., up there also. He is prospering, too. Frank used to live down here at Benton City, you know. N. D. is a great country, especially when the weather's hot down here.

T. R. Ridgeway: I'm sure glad to get back to old Andrain from Texas, as I've told you before. I'm going to stay with you this time if you'll pray for me. Why didn't I keep it in mind that "life in Missouri is just one grand thing after another?" But as I said, I'm here to stay this time. Here's the evidence: I have bought Charlie Brown's 180 acre farm, a mile southwest of Mexico, at \$100 for the acre. It's big enough that I can sell 100 acres of it for \$15,000 and still have a big enough farm left.

J. B. Schroll: The Presidential election looks a little mixed to me. I am a Republican, but I have always liked Champ Clark. I look for the election to go into the House this time and I believe that Champ Clark right now stands a better chance than any

of them to be the next President. I live at Fitzgerald, Ga., right in the midst of the old Southern Confederacy. Nevertheless our town is governed by Republicans and the Republicans also have control of the county, but I am for Champ Clark this year. I tell you, I used to live down here at Farber and I know Champ Clark.

Mike Shire: I'm helping Frank Brown with his farm over southwest of Auxvasse. Say, I have farmed in Andrain, but the Callaway farmer has most of the fellows over this way beaten worse than a city black. The Callaway man found out years ago how to get the stuff out of his ground and at the same time save the fertility of the soil. He does it by feeding all his grain and corn at home—shipping his stock and keeping the manure; paying back to the ground somewhat of what has been borrowed from it. It's the best game yet. I have 17 acres of corn that will make 40 bushels to the acre. I expect to hog it down. Did you ever see a hog waste anything? I'll be the gainer and my land enriched.

THOMPSON NEWS.

Mr. McIntire Killed—Sore Throat Among School Children.

Thompson, Mo., Sept. 17.—Field Cleeton sold to Chas. Sellers 15 shoats at 9 cts. per lb.

The ladies of Salt River church will serve dinner at Dick Simson's sale, Sept. 24. Everybody come.

Sore throat of a serious nature is going thru the Hurdle school. Loto Nevins and Mary Catharine Morris are out of school this week from this cause.

Alvin Sellers is building a new concrete cellar.

John McIntire was killed by a passenger train on the C. & A. going west about 1-1/2 mile from Thompson Sunday afternoon, about 2 o'clock.

Protracted meeting is still in progress at Hopewell church. Two additions by letter at this writing.

The Hoover Bros. have pulled in home with their threshing machine, having threshed their last job, for John McDones, Friday evening.

Broomecorn cutting is now the order of the day. Sogum making will then be the next on the program, which will begin in about a week, the cane being a little late on account of the late Spring.

Thos. Bruton has been entertaining his cousin, Mrs. Ida Hodgson, of Indiana, for several days. Field Cleeton has purchased a new buggy. Look out, girls, who will get the first ride?

Mr. Stonaker lost a good cow last week, from some peculiar disease.

Are Married Here.

Mr. W. S. Smith and Miss Emma Cornett, both of southeast of Laddonia, came to Mexico last Thursday and were united in marriage by Rev. C. A. Mitchell. Miss Beulah Cornett, daughter of Dr. W. E. Cornett of Rush Hill, a niece of the bride, accompanied the couple to Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are receiving the congratulations and best wishes of scores of friends.

J. F. Dorgan of this city has traded his 200 acre farm, southwest of Mexico, for a large tract of land near Amarillo, Texas, the deal involving \$30,000. Mr. Dorgan returned from Texas this week.

Miss Nina Betts, of near Fulton, entered Hardin College here last week. She is making her home with her aunt here, Mrs. J. J. Woods.

THAT BIG POLITICAL PIGNIC

THE DATE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

To Be Held Where Three Counties Join.

Great preparations are being perfected for the big Democratic picnic which is to be held near Hickory Grove church, out southwest of Mexico, where Andrain, Boone and Callaway counties join. The date is Thursday, September 26, and Hon. Champ Clark, Hon. James A. Reed and Hon. E. W. Major are to be the speakers.

Press Atkins, of near Gant, is the chairman on general arrangements. The following other Andrain county gentlemen are on the different committees.

Arrangements—W. S. Cox, L. Craighead, Levi Winn, Hardin Sims, Harry Brown, Jesse White, W. A. Leach, Thomas Smith, Vest McGowan, and Judge E. J. Sims.

Invitation—George Wright, W. C. Flynt, O. B. Sims, John Stowers, and J. E. Holman.

Reception—Dr. W. T. Todd, J. E. Sims, Judge S. C. Groves, J. F. Edwards, J. Shan Brown, George Brown, S. R. Craighead, Reed Burks, R. S. McDowell, Wm. Wilmod, E. E. Jones.

Entertainment—Oliver Craighead, Axel Wright, Willie Edwards, Clarence McKenzie, Elvin Sims, Lawrence Winn, W. O. Smith, Clyde Pemberton, Jason Flynt, Coleman Reed.

The Democratic hosts of the three counties are expected out in great numbers.

SURPRISE WEDDING.

Popular Young Couple of Mexico Married in Columbia.

Mr. Austin Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lewis, of Mexico, and Miss Geraldine Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Livingston, of Columbia, who but lately moved from here, surprised their many friends by getting married in Columbia last Saturday. Rev. M. A. Hart, of the Christian church, officiating. Miss Livingston had prepared to enter the University, but her plans were suddenly changed and the wedding followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis came to Mexico Sunday and they will reside on Mr. Lewis' fine farm near town. A more popular couple could not be found, and scores of friends extend them best wishes for future happiness and prosperity.

Revival Services.

Rev. Rice and son, Lewis, will begin a revival meeting at Olivet church the last of this week to continue two weeks or more, and will begin another at Bethel church, five miles southwest of Mexico, on or before the second Sunday in October. The general public is invited to attend these services.

Rev. H. L. Cobb, who was on the Mexico circuit for several years, last year located at Norborne, goes this next year to be pastor of the Methodist church at De Witt, Mo.

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SAM LOCKE, Cashier.